

REMARKS

Amendments

Claim 1 is amended to recite the feature of claim 3, which is cancelled. In the Office Action, all claims were rejected in view of prior art, except claim 3 which was said to recite allowable subject matter. Thus, the above amendment places all claims in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 USC §102(b) and §103 in view of Auman et al.

Claims 1, 2, 6-16, and 18-21 are rejected as being anticipated in view of Auman et al. (US 5,520,845 or US 6,139,926). In addition, claims 1, 2 and 4-21 are rejected as being obvious in view of Auman et al. (US 5,520,845 or US 6,139,926). These rejections are again respectfully traversed.

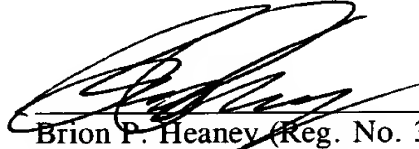
Neither of the Auman et al. references specifically describes a display having the specific properties recited in applicants' prior claim 1. In fact, the obviousness rejection admits that the Auman et al. references do not disclose the specific thickness of the alignment layer. Moreover, the mere disclosure of a broad generic concept does not render obvious all embodiments thereof. The rejection does not establish the requisite motivation needed to lead one of ordinary skill in the art to particularly modify the embodiments disclosed by Auman et al. in such a manner as to arrive at an embodiment in accordance with applicants' claimed invention.

In any event, claim 1 is amended to recite the feature of claim 3, i.e., the claim which the Office Action indicated as reciting allowable subject matter.

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the Auman et al. references do not provide any suggestion of modifying the disclosed display in such a way as to arrive at an embodiment in accordance with applicants' claimed invention. Withdrawal of the rejection under 35 USC §103 is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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